

# Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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The **Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO)** provides law enforcement for the unincorporated areas of Santa Barbara County, California, as well as several cities within the county. The [cities](#) that the Sheriff's Office provides police services for include [Buellton](#), [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Solvang](#).<sup>[4]</sup> In total the 640 full-time employees of the Sheriff's Office are responsible for 2,745 square miles (7,110 km<sup>2</sup>) of the county.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

**Common name** Santa Barbara County Sheriff

**Abbreviation** SBSO

Patch of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

Flag of Santa Barbara County, California

**Motto** *"Keeping the Peace Since 1850"*

## Agency overview

**Formed** 1850<sup>[1]</sup>

**Employees** 640 (2012)<sup>[2]</sup>

**Annual budget** US\$112,730,087 (2012)<sup>[2]</sup>

**Legal personality** Governmental: [Government agency](#)

## Jurisdictional structure

**Operations jurisdiction\*** County of Santa Barbara in the state of California, United States of America

Map of Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction.

**Size** 2,745 sq mi (7,110 km<sup>2</sup>)<sup>[2]</sup>

**Legal jurisdiction** Santa Barbara County, California

**General nature** Law enforcement  
Civilian agency

#### Operational structure

**Headquarters** Goleta, California

**Agency executive** Bill Brown, Sheriff

**Regions** 5  
Cuyama  
Goleta  
Isla Vista  
Santa Maria  
Santa Ynez

#### Facilities

**Stations** 7  
Buellton  
Goleta  
Isla Vista  
Lompoc  
New Cuyama  
Santa Maria  
Santa Ynez

**Helicopters** 4

#### Website

[www.sbsheriff.org](http://www.sbsheriff.org)

#### Footnotes

\* **Divisional agency:** Division of the country, over which the agency has usual operational jurisdiction.

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Founded in 1850, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is the oldest law enforcement agency in the state.<sup>[1]</sup> In its early days, the department battled outlaws [Salomon Pico](#) and [Jack Powers](#). Initially having a single Sheriff, aided only by a jailer and guard in charge of the chain gang, the department now has over 600 full-time employees.

## Organization [\[edit\]](#)

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### **North County Operations Division** [\[edit\]](#)

The North County Operations Division starts at the [Gaviota Tunnel](#) and extends north to the [San Luis Obispo County](#) line as well as east to the [Kern County](#) and [Ventura County](#) lines. The division has patrol stations in [Buellton](#), [Lompoc](#), [New Cuyama](#), [Santa Maria](#) and [Solvang](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

### **South County Operations Division** [\[edit\]](#)

The South County Operations Division boundaries extend south from [Gaviota Tunnel](#) to the [Ventura County](#) line and west, from the crest of the [Santa Ynez Mountains](#) to three islands in the [Santa Barbara Channel](#) with patrol stations in [Carpinteria](#), [Goleta](#) and [Isla Vista](#).<sup>[6]</sup>

### **Rank structure** [\[edit\]](#)

Title	Insignia
<a href="#">Sheriff</a>	
<a href="#">Undersheriff</a>	
<a href="#">Chief Deputy</a>	
<a href="#">Commander</a>	
<a href="#">Lieutenant</a>	
<a href="#">Sergeant</a>	
<a href="#">Senior Deputy</a>	
<a href="#">Deputy</a>	

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